

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 125-246 are pending.

The present application is a divisional of application serial No. 10/076,571, now allowed.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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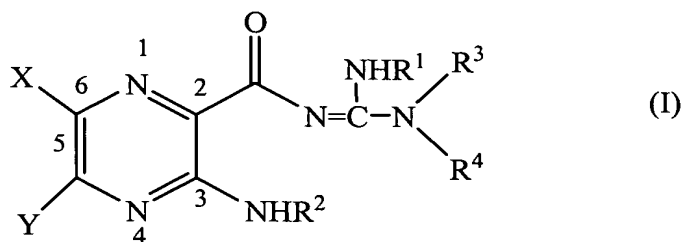
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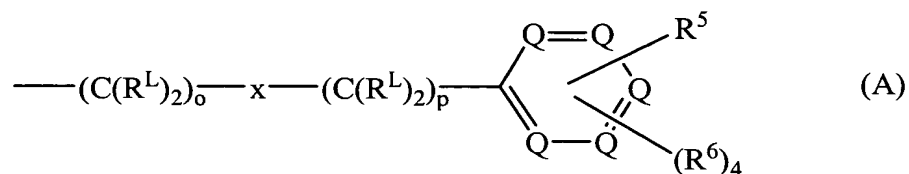
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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLSoure

The present invention relates to a compound represented by formula (I):



in which at least one of  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  is a group represented by formula (A):



where the structural variables are as defined herein. The compounds are useful for blocking sodium channels.